



Homeland Security

September 26, 2012

Mr. Jason Smathers
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Re: **DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203**

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated and received by this office on January 20, 2012. You are seeking, "all records concerning the partnership between DHS and Walmart for the purpose of the "If you See Something, Say Something" campaign, including, but not limited to, all correspondence between Walmart and DHS on this topic, training material Walmart will or is using to train employees on this matter, and any agreements made with Walmart."

A search of the Office of Public Affairs for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 171 pages. I have determined that 171 pages are partially releasable, pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), FOIA Exemptions 6.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at ogis@nara.gov or call 1-877-684-6448.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **12-0203**. This office can be reached at 202-343-1743

Sincerely,

X 

Tara E. Clark
FOIA Program Specialist

Enclosure(s): Responsive Documents, 171 pages

Date : Jul 13, 2013 10:42 GMT
To : 12023434011
From : fax@requests.muckrock.com
Subject: Follow up to Freedom of Information Request #DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203

July 13, 2013
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Privacy Office
Director, Disclosure & FOIA
245 Murray Drive SW, Building 410
STOP-655
Washington, D.C. 20528-0655

This is a follow up to request number DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203 :

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 20, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed. You had assigned it reference number #DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203 .

Thank you for your help.

On June 13, 2013:

Hello,

The below FOIA request has not been responded to in several months. Please confirm receipt and provide an estimate of delivery date.

Thank you.

On May 15, 2013:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 20, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed. You had assigned it reference number #DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203 .

Thank you for your help.

On April 4, 2013:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 20, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed. You had assigned it reference number #DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203 .

Thank you for your help.

On Feb. 14, 2013:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 20, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed. You had assigned it reference number #DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203 .

Thank you for your help.

On Jan. 15, 2013:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 20, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed. You had assigned it reference number #DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203 .

Thank you for your help.

On Dec. 13, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 20, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed. You had assigned it reference number #DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203 .

Thank you for your help.

On Nov. 13, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 20, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed. You had assigned it reference number #DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203 .

Thank you for your help.

On Oct. 14, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

retrieve the information you are seeking and reduce our response time.
This office can be reached at 866-431-0486.

Regards,

DHS Privacy Office
Disclosure & FOIA Program
STOP 0655
Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane, SW
Arlington, VA 20598-0655
Telephone: 1-866-431-0486 or 703-235-0790
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On May 8, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 20, 2012. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed. You had assigned it reference number #DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0203.

Thank you for your help.

On Feb. 29, 2012:

Mr. Smathers,

Please be advised that the attached acknowledgement letter was mailed on January 31, 2012 and returned back to our office on February 28, 2012. We are still in the process of searching for records that would be responsive to your request. If you need to contact this office again concerning your request, please provide the DHS reference number. This will enable us to quickly retrieve the information you are seeking and reduce our response time. This office can be reached at 866-431-0486.

Regards,

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